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<u>L'Oréal S.A. -- File No. 82-735</u> Re:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

L'Oréal S.A., a société anonyme incorporated under the laws of the Republic of France, hereby furnishes one copy of the following information pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934:

Total and L'Oréal will not renew their Sanofi-Synthélabo shareholders' agreement

Very truly yours,

The International Financial Information Director

François ARCHAMBAULT

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Clichy, Friday 28th November 2003, 6 pm - Total and L'Oréal today notified the French Financial Markets Authority (A.M.F.) and Sanofi-Synthélabo of their decision not to renew beyond 2nd December 2004 the agreement between the two groups that has been in force since 9th April 1999.

Total and L'Oréal, whose cooperation has contributed to the success of Sanofi-Synthélabo, remain keenly interested in the continuing positive development of the company.

The current stakes of Total and L'Oréal in Sanofi-Synthélabo are 24.4% and 19.5% respectively.

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